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CORN PATCH PAYS WAY TO EXPOSITION

Paul and Robert Carter, sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Carter, left Wednesday for San Francisco. It is a safe guess that no exposition visitors will get more enjoyment out of the big show than these boys who have earned their own money for the trip.

When the boys began months ago to express hopes of seeing the exposition, their mother told them if she were a boy and living so near to a world's fair she would see it if she had to walk all the way there. With that challenge the boys began to plan in earnest. They finally decided that a corn patch would be a good source of revenue and their parents placed a plot of ground at their disposal.

The result was christened by C. F. Gray the "Panama-Pacific Corn patch." The boys plowed the ground, planted sugar corn, watered and cultivated it until they had a fine crop, which they sold to the stores and at houses about town. It was hard work and the boys had to do most of it before and after school hours. But with visions of the exposition ahead they kept at it until their crop was all harvested and disposed of. Now they are off for a two-weeks stay at the fair and they are not walking—they sailed on the new steamer Aroline.

IOWANS WILL PICNIC AT LONG BEACH PARK

All former residents of the State of Iowa are hereby informed of the annual reunion and picnic of the Iowa Association of Southern California. It will be held in beautiful Bixby Park, Long Beach, all day Saturday, August 14th, 1915.

The county registers will be in place, coffee free to all who buy a badge and a jolly social reunion all day for everybody.

Special cars direct to the park will leave often from the rear of the P. E. Depot, Sixth and Main, Los Angeles. Transfers will be given to the park to all who go on regular cars.

Prizes will be given to:

The oldest man present, native of Iowa.

The oldest woman present, native of Iowa.

The oldest man and woman, not natives, but who lived in Iowa at least ten years.

The homeliest man, native Iowan, who presents himself as a candidate.

The Iowa Association of Long Beach is helping in all plans, and will join heartily in making it a great success. There will be a brief program about o'clock. Judge Curtis D. Wilbur, our popular president, will preside. The invitation is for every Hawkeye to go and enjoy the reunion with old friends.

Further information may be obtained of the Secretary, C. H. Parsons, whose office is in the California Savings Bank, corner Fourth and Spring Street, Los Angeles.

On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hooker Jones entertained the participants in the Beardsley Electric "run," at their pretty ranch on Live Oak Avenue. There were eleven cars in the party and Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley themselves were among the guests. Supper was served under the large oak tree and music and dancing were enjoyed in the evening.

Six Rules to Observe to Prevent Disastrous Fires in the Mountains

RULES TO PREVENT MOUNTAIN FIRES

Precautions of the simplest kind would eliminate most of the loss resulting from forest fires, as shown by reports on the causes of the fires in the reserves last season.

Much could be accomplished by observance of the following six simple rules:

1. Be sure your match is out before you throw it away.
2. Knock out your pipe ashes or throw away your cigar or cigarette stump where there is nothing to catch fire.
3. Don't build a camp fire any larger than is absolutely necessary. Never leave it even for a short time without putting it OUT with water or dirt.
4. Don't build a camp fire against a tree or a log. Build a small one where you can scrape away the needles, leaves or grass from all sides of it.
5. If you discover a fire, put it out if possible; if you can't put it out, get word to the nearest U. S. forest ranger or state fire warden just as quickly as you possibly can.

WHOM TO NOTIFY

A. N. Carter, Ranger, Phone Red 20, Sierra Madre.
A. M. Udell, Marshal, Phones Red 34 or Red 3.
Walter Zachau, District Ranger, Big Santa Anita Canyon.
Phone 206-2 bells, Sierra Madre.
T. W. Sloan, Division Ranger, Glendora, Phone 72.
R. H. Charlton, Forest Supervisor, Los Angeles; Main 2904 or 60011.

REV. STAFF TO PREACH IN THE GREEK THEATER

Rev. Fred Staff of the Congregational Church of Sierra Madre will preach next Sunday afternoon at the Vesper Services held in the Pomona College Greek Theater in Claremont. These outdoor vesper services are held every summer in the Greek Theater, preachers of note from all parts of the country being invited to occupy the pulpit. Last Sunday morning Rev. Staff accepted a long standing invitation to preach in the First Congregational Church in Pasadena. He says he will take a complete vacation for the rest of August after the service at Claremont next Sunday.

KANSAS GOVERNOR FORMER EMPLOYER

Among the Sierra Madre people attending the Kansas Picnic in Sycamore Grove last Saturday was F. M. Hart of the News force, who went to greet his former employer, Governor Capper. Mr. Hart worked for Governor Capper when he was running a country weekly and long before he had entered the daily field or started the tremendously successful "Capper publications." In those days Editor Capper did a part of the mechanical work on the paper himself. Mr. Hart had a very pleasant little visit with him. With all his business and political success Governor Capper is still "a man of the people."

OUR TAXING FOLLY

(From the Monrovia News)

The News does not acquiesce in the odious business license tax which was under consideration last evening by the business men of the city because we think it a JUST tax. On the contrary we fully agree with one of the gentlemen present at last night's meeting who said that in his opinion the business license tax is unfair, oppressive and fundamentally wrong.

The only excuse that can justly be urged for this tax is that the city needs the money, and the license tax system is no more unjust than is the balance of our iniquitous taxing system, which lays its hand heaviest upon labor and upon the productive energies of the people, wherever found. This tax is laid upon labor, upon enterprise, directly. The gentleman of leisure pays none of this tax; it is only the man who works, the man of enterprise enough to go into business and who adds something to the permanence and prosperity of the community. The drone escapes just as he escapes almost every kind of taxes in our unique civilization. We don't tax a man 'till he gets busy; 'till he commences to do some service for himself and his neighbors, then we soak him.

The great bulk of our tax burden falls upon labor, just as this license tax does. The people of Monrovia pay from seven to nine different kinds of taxes and all but one fall upon labor, or the product of labor, for the most part, and the crowning infamy of the system lies in the fact that these seven to nine different kinds of taxes are collected by as many groups of salaried officials, all of whom have fastened their tentacles upon the product of the busy man.

Labor, thrift, enterprise, carries the load, the person of leisure looks on in calm contentment while his neighbor of greater activity staggers under the burden of the entire community.

RED CROSS BRANCH IS ORGANIZED HERE

Ladies Unite to Work in Aid of Sufferers in War-Stricken European Countries

Sierra Madre ladies have organized a Red Cross Chapter. The purpose is to aid so far as possible the sufferers in war-ridden Europe. The organization starts out with a good membership list which will probably be increased as soon as the work of the chapter becomes known, for all who are interested are invited to join.

Officers were elected at a meeting held last Friday afternoon at the Concord home. They are Mrs. Fagge, president; Mrs. F. P. Conard, vice president; Mrs. W. H. Ingraham, secretary; Mrs. Legendre, treasurer. A second meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Wright on Monday.

In future all meetings will be held in the Woman's Club House, regular meeting days being on the first and third Mondays at one o'clock. The organizers desire the help of every Sierra Madre woman and hope to have a large membership enrolled soon.

STURTEVANT'S CAMP NOTES

Mrs. W. J. Lawless, Miss Weaver, Miss Eleanor Hinton and Miss Baldwin have been enjoying a two-weeks outing in Camp.

Miss Jean Woodward returned to Sierra Madre after spending a week in Camp.

Mrs. J. T. Mason of Sierra Madre was a camp visitor last week.

Messrs. C. C. Montgomery, W. J. Lawless and Louis Dietz spent the week end in camp.

Miss Margaret Widener of Hollywood, formerly a resident of Sierra Madre, is enjoying a month's vacation here.

CRUDE OIL TRAP FOR COUNTLESS GAME BIRDS

The bulletin of the California Fish and Game commission says near one of the pumping stations of the Associated Oil company located at Brito, Merced county, California, there is a large reservoir filled with crude oil. This has proved a trap to many hundreds of birds. The pond is about 50x150 feet and the shining surface of the oil probably appears to the birds flying at night as a pond of water. The moment a bird's feet touch the sticky oil the bird is entrapped, for each successive effort to free itself with its wings only fastens it deeper into the oil. A trip to the pond on May 11, 1915, showed the mummified bodies of at least three hundred birds. In addition along the shores of the pond there was an incrustation several inches deep made up of feathers and bones of birds.

Almost every species of water bird in that vicinity seems to have been entrapped in this oil pond. Examination showed specimens of the following birds identifiable: canvasback, spoonbill, mallard, baldpate?, goose (species?), green-winged teal, cinnamon teal, mudhen, avocet, black-necked stilt, killdeer, least sandpiper, great blue heron, black-crowned night heron, egret, bittern, belted kingfisher, western meadowlark.

In a small puddle of oil about four feet in length were found six killdeer. The killdeer decoys easily, and doubtless the first bird entrapped decoyed the others to their death.

This circumstance furnishes additional evidence looking towards the solution of the problem confronting paleontologists as to the method by which the bones of prehistoric mammals have been deposited in such numbers in the asphalt of Rancho La Brea near Los Angeles. The incrustation of bones and feathers along the border of this oil pond would doubtless, in time, make similar piles of bones to those found in the asphalt. Hence the theory that many of the birds were entrapped in the oil and that many others met the same fate by being decoyed by those entrapped has much present day evidence to support it.

It is to be hoped that measures will be taken in the near future to prevent further catastrophes of this kind. Such a toll of bird life, and especially of such game birds as the ducks found in the pond, is reprehensible since it could easily be averted with small expense. The matter will be taken up with the Associated Oil company in the hope that further destruction of wild life may be averted.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Hopkins left on Sunday in their machine for the northern part of the state, where they will spend three weeks or more. They expect to visit Yosemite valley and tour that part of the country.

NUETZEL EARNS MEDAL AS A GIRL SAVER

Cashier Rescues Whole Jitney Load of Screaming Girls From Smashup

Right this way with your hero medals. Cashier F. W. Nuetzel of the First National Bank is the newest candidate, having saved nearly a dozen girls at once. Now Mr. Nuetzel was not like the man who "had two girls last night and saved one for tonight." He is a real hero and actually saved a whole busload of girls from an accident that might have been extremely serious.

Just after closing the bank for the day on Monday Mr. Nuetzel started down the street and about the same time the driver stopped with his busload of girls on the Central Avenue side of the P. E. Station. There was something wrong with his car and he went in search of a telephone to notify headquarters about it. Just to prove that he was right the car started down hill of its own accord, with no one aboard who knew how to control it. Great excitement among the passengers.

Wild screams attracted the attention of Mr. Nuetzel. Taking in the situation at a glance he embraced the hero opportunity without a moment's hesitation. Catching the fleeing jitney after a short sprint Mr. Nuetzel climbed aboard and applied the brake just in time to prevent the bus and its occupants landing in the deep ditch along Baldwin Avenue. The gratitude of the frightened passengers was ample reward for his rescuer. Nevertheless, witnesses say he ought to have a hero medal. He modestly deprecates his own part in the affair by saying it was lucky the machine was a Ford or he would have lost his opportunity, as that was the only machine he knew how to operate.

SCHOOL BULLETIN TELLS EFFECT OF ALCOHOL

The department of education has issued a 15-page circular designed to help the teachers of the state in teaching the effects of alcohol and narcotics upon the human system, as required by a law passed by the last legislature and signed by the Governor. The law has been in effect many years, but it was re-enacted and somewhat strengthened by the legislature of the present year.

The circular is a careful summing up of the physiological effects of alcohol upon the human body accompanied by many quotations from famous persons to show the dangers attending its use. Those who are quoted make up a weighty aggregation. Among them are the following, representing philosophy, sport, literature and pretty much everything else: Benjamin Franklin, Herbert Spencer, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Judge Ben Lindsey, Xenophon, Dr. Lorenz, Dr. Wiley, Shakespeare, Homer, Thomas A. Edison, Luther Burbank, Connie Mack, Ban Johnson, Kaiser William, Lloyd George, and Ted Coy of Yale.

Any one can get a copy by writing to Superintendent Hyatt at Sacramento.

HOME OF TRUTH

At the Home of Truth, corner of Auburn and Carter. Devotional service is held Sunday at 3:30 p. m. as usual. All are cordially invited. Services conducted by Harriet C. Hamor. All children are welcome to the Sunday School which is held at two o'clock. The "sunrise blessing" which is given forth by all, for the month of August, is: "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they are the children of God." Amen.

On Wednesday the members of the Dickens Fellowship were delightfully entertained at the beautiful home of Mrs. Charles H. Eager in Inglewood. They were met at the car line by automobiles which conveyed them to the residence of their hostess, which is built around a large court. Many guests were present from Los Angeles, and after examining the curios which Mr. and Mrs. Eager brought home on their recent trip to Japan, they were all invited to the garden, where a one o'clock luncheon was served. Long tables were arranged under the pergola, and here a barbecued dinner was served in camp fashion, the meats being cooked in the garden in a huge stone fireplace. The afternoon was pleasantly spent listening to an interesting lecture by the hostess on her work in Japan and how she interested and established a Dickens fellowship there among the native women. Guests from the Sierra Madre organization were Mrs. Selma Beyer, Miss Hersa Lee, Mrs. A. J. Rust, Mrs. Martha Williamson, Mrs. Burton Andrews, and Mrs. Louis Dietz.

INSIDE GOSSIP ABOUT MUTT-JEFF CARTOONS

Editor Clover of The Graphic is responsible for this bit of Los Angeles newspaper gossip:

Announcement is made by the Times that Mutt and Jeff are coming back to town, as a regular feature in that once scoffing journal. Thereby hangs a tale: The Times' Mutt and Jeff are not likely to be the only ones to return to long desolate Los Angeles August 11. It may be expected that they will put in an appearance at their old home across the top of one of the Examiner's sport pages. A few of their antics will bear the signature of Bud Fisher and then, alas, nevermore. But Mutt and Jeff will remain, for gossip in the art rooms of local newspapers says the Hearst Syndicate has offered the job of drawing them to five or six comic artists of national repute.

Fisher's contract with Hearst runs out early in August. That does not account for the absence of the well-known characters for the last four or five months. When it was found that the cartoonist did not intend to renew his contract, orders were issued from Hearst headquarters to hold up the Mutt and Jeff strips and be ready to spring them when they appeared in opposition journals. Fisher was quick to grasp the game and discontinued furnishing his drawings, thereby breaking his contract and hoping to obtain release in order that he might sooner begin work for his own syndicate, the principal backer of which I understand is the Chicago Tribune. This idea, however, did not find ready acceptance with the Hearst papers and it is said Fisher has been drawing his salary from them all the time he has been preparing advance matter for his syndicate.

Discussion is renewed as to who was the real creator of these supposedly humorous characters. Newspaper men from Chicago have told local newspaper artists that A. Mutt was a direct adaptation from A. Piker, one of the creations of Claire Briggs, once of Chicago but now with the New York Tribune. Briggs is said to have run A. Piker for several months, twelve or thirteen years ago. In the same circles the original of Little Jeff is credited to George Herriman of Los Angeles, now on the Hearst Syndicate payroll as the parent of the entire Dingbat family. Herriman, I am told, ran a Little Jeff series which he later abandoned and Fisher adopted the character as a companion to Mutt. Herriman has never taken credit for Jeff, telling his friends "Bud got away with Jeff and I didn't, so he deserves all the credit he can get out of it." I understand Herriman declined the drawing of the substitute Mutt and Jeff series for Hearst.

Mrs. Howell Benham of New York City, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Flather for some time, left this week for San Francisco.

Sierra Madre Directory

CITY OFFICIALS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES—J. M. Beard, Chairman; Louis Dietz, Arthur Johnson, Jr., F. D. R. Moore, L. E. Steinberger. Regular meetings in City Hall, second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month. City Clerk, C. H. Perry; Attorney, C. C. Montgomery; Treasurer, Carlton J. Pelger; Marshal and Street Superintendent, A. M. Udell; Engineer, Wm. F. Bixby; Supt. Water Dept., Franklin Biederman.

BOARD OF HEALTH—Dr. R. H. Mackerras, Chairman; Franklin Biederman, Secretary; J. A. Osgood, A. N. Adams.

BOARD OF TRADE—Meets second Monday at 8 p. m. in City Hall. President, J. A. Osgood; Vice-President, H. T. Fennell; Secretary, E. F. Ballou; Treasurer, J. W. Nuetzel; Directors, J. A. Osgood, H. T. Fennell, C. F. Pegler, J. F. Sadler, J. N. Hawks, T. M. Webster, George B. Morgridge.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

SIERRA MADRE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY—Central Ave., between Lima and Park. Open each weekday from 1:30 to 5:30 and from 7 to 9 p. m. Mrs. F. B. Wheatly, Librarian. Municipal Library board—George B. Morgridge, Chairman; Mrs. E. T. Pierce, Secretary; Mrs. L. E. Steinberger, H. J. Potter, J. A. Osgood.

FRATERNAL

SIERRA MADRE LODGE NO. 408, F. & A. M.—Stated meeting first Tuesday in each month. All visiting Masons welcome. Masonic Hall, Club House, West Central. Dr. R. H. Mackerras, W. M.; C. W. Jones, Secretary.

SIERRA MADRE CHAPTER, O. E. S., NO. 299—Meets first Monday of each month in Masonic Hall, West Central, at 8 p. m. Visiting members welcome. Mrs. J. W. Nuetzel, W. M.; Mrs. L. M. Coanman, Secretary.

CHURCHES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Central Avenue at Hermosa. Rev. Fred Staff, pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; morning worship, 11 a. m.; Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.; Intermediate Endeavor, 4 p. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; evening worship, 7:30 p. m.; mid-week prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION (Episcopal)—Dr. George H. Cornell, Rector. Residence, The Rectory. Phone Black 7. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; Morning Prayer, 10:30 a. m.

OSGOODS TO TAKE CANAL TRIP AGAIN

Captain and Mrs. J. A. Osgood will leave on August 25th for the east, going by way of the Panama Canal. In a general way they will retrace the trip which they took about three years ago but there will be a striking difference. This time they will sail through the Panama Canal while on their previous trip they saw the canal in course of construction when there was no water in the big ditch.

Captain Osgood goes as a delegate from his Los Angeles post to the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will be held at Washington this year. In many respects it will be a memorable encampment, possibly the last one to be held. There has been some discussion of the abandoning the encampments, because of the rapidly thinning ranks of the old soldiers. As they have grown older and less vigorous an increasing number of those who start in the encampment parades have to "fall out" before the line of march is completed.

Perhaps the chief point of interest in connection with this year's encampment is the fact that it will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the disbanding of the armies at the close of the Civil war. Many of the men who will march in the parade this year marched in the grand parade at Washington when the Union army was mustered out in 1865.

TO AVOID SUSPICION OF TAINTED MONEY

One Sunday the collection was deplorably small. Next week the reverend (colored) gentleman addressed his flock as follows:

"I don't want any man to gib more dan his share, brethren, but we must all gib according as we are favored and as we rightly have. I say rightly have, bredren, because we don't want any tainted money in de box. Squire Blinks tol me dat he'd missed some chickens dis week. Now if any one ob my pore benighted bredren has fallen by de way in connexions wid dose chickens, let him stay his hand from de box when it comes to him.

"Brudder Mose, will you pass de box while I watch de signs an' see if dere's one in de congregation dat needs me to rastle in prayer for him?"

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Hart entertained about twenty of the Saengerfest visitors and a few local singers on Sunday at their villa home. Among the guests were Carl Schlegel, the famous baritone, and wife; Louis Gothlieb, the New York pianist, and Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany of Pasadena, and Prof. and Mrs. J. J. Hart of Sierra Madre.

er and sermon, 11 a. m.; Holy Communion first Sunday in the month, 11 a. m.; on the greater festival and other days by appointment, 7:30 a. m.; Sunday evening service from October to July, 7:30 p. m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC—Chapel on Highland avenue, east of Baldwin. Rev. M. W. Barth in charge. Services at 9 a. m. Sunday.

HOME OF TRUTH—408 Auburn Ave. Sunday service, 3:30 p. m. Bible lesson, Wednesday, 3 p. m. Healing meeting, Friday, 8 p. m. All are welcome.

SIERRA MADRE POSTOFFICE

Mail Arrives

From the East—9:40 a. m.; 5:30 p. m.

From the West—8:40 a. m.; 5:30 p. m.; 5:30 p. m.

Mail Departs

For the East—7:45 a. m.; 11:30 a. m.; 4:10 p. m.

For the West—8:45 a. m.; 11:30 a. m.; 4:10 p. m.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

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HERE AT HOME

John Wire is spending the week at San Diego visiting the fair.

T. H. Flather left this week for a six-weeks business trip to New York City.

Mrs. R. B. Wallace and two little daughters are spending the week at Long Beach.

W. C. Allen was taken on Wednesday of this week to the hospital at Sawtelle for an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hart and two sons leave on Saturday to spend some time in San Francisco.

John Osgood of Bakersfield is visiting his parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. A. Osgood, this week.

Mr. Frank Teeple of Chicago has been a house guest of the F. J. Harts of Villa the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sperry motored to San Diego this week, where they will visit the fair.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Cornell have been spending the week in San Francisco, attending the exposition.

Miss Geneva Brown returned on Tuesday from Berkeley, where she has been attending summer school.

Miss Rebecca Whitaker of Louisiana has been spending a few days this week as the guest of Mrs. N. T. Brown.

Mrs. W. W. Collins attended the Milwaukee club picnic on Thursday at Long Beach. About forty-five guests being present.

Mrs. W. A. Evans and daughter, Florence, are spending the week at Long Beach as the guests of Mrs. Frank Wall.

Mrs. Marjorie Diamond and son, Paul, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Caley on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fulkerson of Oklahoma, former parishioners of Rev. W. H. Stubbins, were the week end guests at the Stubbins home.

Ewart Burton and a friend from Ocean Park have been spending the week in the Burton cabin in the mountains.

Mrs. G. W. Groth and two little sons, Mrs. Frank Merrill and son Wayne have been spending a week at Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Legg of Compton, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Hartley and Mr. Guy Cassad were week end guests of S. S. Cassad.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Purcell are the proud parents of a seven-pound baby daughter, born on Wednesday morning, August 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burton of Ocean Park have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Humphries of Piedmont Heights this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Morgridge were dinner guests on Wednesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lynam of Van Buren Place, Los Angeles.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Fairbank are enjoying a visit from the doctor's mother, Mrs. J. C. Fairbank and his sister, Mrs. C. H. Smith, both of Jacksonville, Ill.

Mrs. Alice Norton and daughter, Ethel Norton of Clifton, Mich., arrived on the Santa Fe on Thursday morning and will spend some time at the home of Prof. and Mrs. E. T. Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stecher and two sons left Tuesday for their home in Ogden, Utah, after spending several weeks visiting at the home of Mrs. Stecher's aunt, Mrs. Howard Hill, and elsewhere in the south.

Mrs. M. A. DeTemple had a week end guest her cousin, Mrs. Charles Shook of San Pedro. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. DeTemple and daughter, Marguerite, and Mrs. Shook motored to Redondo to spend the day.

The editor of the News enjoyed a visit on Saturday from Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lang of Sunland. Mr. Lang was formerly a neighbor in Wilton, Iowa, and for fifteen years enjoyed the life of a country editor in South Dakota.

At the O. E. S. chapter meeting on Monday night, Mrs. Maria Watson and Mrs. Ruth Twycross were initiated into the order. After the chapter work, a delightful social time was enjoyed and dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Harless are spending the week at San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Yerxa spent the week end at the ranch of T. E. Yerxa at Highland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor of Highland spent Thursday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Norris.

Miss Hilda Lockhart of Pasadena spent the week end as the guest of Mrs. William Dennison.

Miss Millie Brandt left for San Francisco this week where she expects to stay an indefinite time.

Miss Katherine Crisp of Trenton, N. J., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Edith M. Crisp for several weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Stubbins were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Caley on Wednesday evening.

F. J. Sokol has returned to Sierra Madre after a trip of several months spent in his old home in Iowa.

John Brandt leaves on Sunday by boat for San Francisco and vicinity where he will spend some time visiting.

F. H. Hartman and family are attending the Medina, Ohio, picnic at Hollenbeck Park this afternoon and evening.

Mrs. George Nye of Ocean Park has been spending two weeks with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Allen of Montecito Avenue.

Mrs. W. F. Berger and little son returned to Sierra Madre last week after spending several months in Wilmington, Delaware.

Mrs. LeNita Le Veaux and son, Francis, spent the week end at Long Beach as the guests of Mrs. H. B. Stevens and Miss Critchett.

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Morgridge and son, W. O. Morgridge, returned on Tuesday from Claremont, where they had been visiting relatives.

T. Schlesinger is spending several weeks in San Francisco at the fair and visiting his nephew who is the manager of the Emporium.

Luncheon guests of Capt. and Mrs. J. A. Osgood on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Doty of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. V. Marsh of Pasadena.

Mrs. Benjamin Moody and Miss Marian Moody left on Monday for Pasadena where they will visit a week before attending the fair at San Diego.

Mrs. Laura Stevenson and Miss Daisy Hawks returned on Tuesday from Berkeley and San Francisco, where they have been spending several weeks.

Mrs. Maude Adams and daughter Althea left on Thursday for Columbus, Ohio, where Mrs. Adams has accepted a position as domestic science instructor at Ohio State University.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hackney and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Boardman of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Ed. Kaene of Sacramento, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Harless on Sunday.

Mrs. H. W. Nuetzel, Miss Tillie Tuetzel and Miss Verna Tribble left on Wednesday night via the Southern Pacific for San Francisco where they will spend a week visiting the fair.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Caley on Friday were Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamblin of San Marino, Mrs. R. Hamblin and Mr. Robert Hamblin of Royalton, Ohio, and Miss Marion Moody.

Guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Stubbins the past week were Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Tibbets of Mitchell, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hillard and the Misses Grace Leonard and Mabel Leonard of Los Angeles, all former members of Rev. Stubbins' church in Mitchell, Iowa.

Cypress Court guests this week are: H. H. Greenfield and daughter, Alice Greenfield, of Bridgeport, Conn.; W. H. Jackson, Dr. J. W. Lewis and wife, Leo O'Donald and wife, Bristol Thomas and wife, Mrs. Julia Miller, all of Los Angeles; Samuel Lower, Long Beach; Miss A. Limburg and Miss Katherine Limberg, Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Wesher gave a very delightful dinner party on Friday evening for their guest, Miss Dorothy McBean. Decorations were in yellow

and white, yellow bon-bons being used as favors. The guests included the Misses Helen Williams, Yelda Appleby, Mattie Seeley, Messrs. Victor Hill, Raymond Hedderly, Herbert Ingraham, Lawrence Nourse and Wade Brunson.

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By FRANK KOESTER.
(Author of "Electricity For the Farm and Home.")

Plowing is the father of industries, the indispensable primary operation upon which civilization has depended from the earliest ages, and the plow is thus the most useful and necessary implement which has ever been designed by mankind for its own advancement. Without the plow agriculture is impossible, and without agriculture no industry can exist. Yet in spite of all the progress which has been made in mechanical arts and in the sciences the plow of today remains the same in principle as the plow of dozens of centuries ago. The furrow is still turned in the old way, and modern science has added nothing in principle to the plow except different means of drawing it across the field.

Farmers in Germany, where during the past fifteen years the steam plow has been used to a great extent, have made increasing use of the electrically operated plow, which is now far beyond the experimental stage and is in many respects superior to that drawn by steam or gasoline tractors, saving both time and money.

The electric plow, plowing four furrows at a time, is drawn rapidly back and forth across the field by cables operated by the motors. An average equipment of this kind will plow an acre in thirty minutes at a cost of 20 cents for the power consumed. A plowman following the single furrow behind his horses will be eight or ten times as long finishing the same field, with day after day of physical exhaustion for himself and his team. Yet up to the present time no electric plow has turned a furrow in the United States.

In the far west gasoline driven plows, often turning twenty furrows at once, are in use, but they are capable of being utilized only over immense tracts of land, while the electric plow is equally suited to large and small farms.

Electric plowing has been carried on in Germany for fifteen years, and great strides have been made, particularly in the last five years. Of the several systems employed the one and two motor systems are most extensively used. In both these systems the plow is pulled across the field by a cable wound on a drum.

In the single motor system on one side of the field the motor is mounted on a self propelled wagon, which automatically travels forward parallel with the motor wagon with each new furrow. The two motor system has two motors, one on each of two self propelled wagons, one of these replacing the anchor wagon. The one motor system is lower in first cost, but the other can be more readily adapted to the cultivation of any form of field.

Electric plowing has great advantages over that by gasoline or steam engines. With a steam plow, for instance, a great amount of coal and water must be taken to the field by teams and drivers which must be paid for. Electric plowing can be carried on in practically every kind of weather, even in the winter, when steam operated plows would freeze, and the electric plow can be used in soft or lumpy soil where horses cannot work and on hilly ground.

As far as the cost of electric plowing is concerned, experience shows that it can be done cheaper per acre than by horses or steam. The field of electric plowing of today is found principally in Germany. It is an established fact that American agricultural machinery in its wide practical application is in most respects far superior to that of any foreign make, and should the domestic manufacturers devote themselves with the same skill to contriving apparatus for electric plowing it will be only a short time until our farmers recognize the advantages of the system. Electric plowing is not confined to farms of large acreage, but may be carried on to good advantage on farms of small size.

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EDITORIAL CHAT

Which Is Right?

One of the stock arguments against prohibition or temperance legislation in California has been the fact that the state has fostered the grape growing and wine making industries by research and educational work. Now comes the state department of education, under mandate of the last legislature, outlining a course of instruction showing the effects of alcohol on the human system. The findings are all against alcohol and in favor of total abstinence from alcoholic beverages. Here are two state departments working in direct opposition and on contradictory principles. One or the other is wrong and will have to come to an end. The tendencies of the day are all in one direction, and this new course of instruction outlined by the state department of education will augment them.

Are You Getting Yours?

No expenditure of the taxpayers' money benefits more people more directly than the public library fund. About half the annual budget allowance is permanently invested in books or equipment which make the library increasingly valuable and most of the remainder is expended in the actual service of making the library directly useful to the library patrons. There is practically no "overhead" expense in the operation of the library and the library adds nothing to the general "overhead" of the city administration. Cardholders at the library number about a thousand. Some use it more than others. Are you getting your share of the great benefits obtainable from the library? You have no one to blame but yourself if you are not.

Surpassed Expectations

One member of the board of city trustees took his first trip over the Sturtevant Trail last Sunday. Returning from the round trip to Sturtevant's Camp he was more than ever convinced of the wisdom of the bridging the Little Santa Anita by the city. He expressed astonishment at the excellence of the government trail and was more than ever convinced that the city made no mistake in making it impossible to say longer that the worst place on the trail was within the Sierra Madre city limits.

Neutrality—

"War is a perversion of science," says Director W. W. Campbell, head

of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The present war is a perversion of about everything else that is good. The warring nations are all so wrong that neutrality is forced upon people who still have regard for right and justice. That's war.

Hearst vs. Hearst—

For a long time Mr. Hearst fairly shrieked for war in Mexico. Then he quit for a time while he shrieked against war with Germany. Now he is using the same shriek for two purposes—to avert a war with Germany which is impossible anyway, and to bring on a war with Mexico. Not that Hearst cares whether we have war or not, but he thinks he sees a chance to hurt Pres. Wilson by playing the peace advocate as regards Germany, and by playing the war advocate as regards Mexico. But if there is to be a war Hearst prefers that it be waged against the chaps who are preventing him from coining dividends on his million-acre land holdings in Mexico. Willy Willie.

Long and Short Of It—

One famous editor is said to have remarked that if he only had more time he would write shorter editorials. A magazine publisher once wrote a contributor that he would accept a manuscript at a given price but he would double the price for the story told in half as many words. Strange as it may seem it is easier to expand and to elaborate than to write briefly and to the point. The editorial writer, the news reporter, the sermonizer, the political spellbinder, the young fellow saying goodnight to his best girl, or the philosopher on the bench beneath the pepper tree—all talk too much. Most of us are little versed in what Dr. Van Dyke calls "the art of leaving off." 'Tis true also of activities more purely physical than mental or verbal. Many a fine introduction is spoiled by a prolonged or poor conclusion, while a timely and artistic finish may redeem an unpromising beginning.

Neutrality at Home—

But a few weeks ago the people and press of the country were putting up a united and determined front in support of President Wilson's policy in dealing with the war situation. There seemed to be imminent danger of war with one, possibly more, European countries. Paragraphers pointed with pride to the

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demonstration of patriotic fervor and united sentiment. Then we began to hear murmurs, then loud talk about the "growing unpopularity of the president." The transition from patriotism to peanut politics was astonishing. Do you think all this noise represents any great change in the regard of the people for the president, and their respect for his policies? Not for a minute. There will be a presidential campaign next year and it is time to begin manufacturing ammunition. Neutrality in domestic politics cannot be maintained for long even in the face of foreign complications. Politicians and business men who for various and sundry reasons, mostly selfish, want a return

to the "good old days," are carrying on an expensive and extensive propaganda to undermine the faith of the people in the president. No president since Lincoln has had so much to contend with in that respect. Holdover officials have permitted the bearings of the governmental machine to become gummed up, and outsiders have tossed sand in the gears. For an American to try to embarrass or discredit the president under the circumstances of the past year is as bad for a foreign submarine to attack a passenger ship without warning. That President Wilson has kept to a plane immeasurably above his detractors is all the more to his credit.

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"One day he grew so tired chasing chickens when there was nobody around to stop him that he lay down with his head on his paws to rest."

"But now a wonderful thing happened. Those chickens grew and grew and grew, and then they grew some more after that till they looked to that doggie as if they were almost as big as barns."

"They didn't pay much attention to the doggie at first, but stepped about picking great worms out of the ground that were much longer than the doggie. By and by one of them cackled. It sounded ever so much louder than any cackle any one else ever heard. The doggie lay and trembled and hoped those chickens wouldn't see him."

"But they did, and they ran toward him, and he lay and trembled and wondered what they were going to do to him."

"They stood blinking at him out of their funny eyes, and one old hen, which looked as big as a meeting house, clucked: 'That's the fellow that has been chasing us. Let's take him to that wise old fellow, Judge Owl, down in the grove and let him pass sentence on him.'"

"So a great big rooster whose head seemed to be higher than a meeting house steeple reached down and took the trembling doggie in his beak, and off they trotted, the whole flock of them, fuss and feathers, to the grove."

"The grove looked awfully big and tall to the doggie, too, and Judge Owl, who sat up in a giant tree top, blinked at the doggie with his yellow eyes and hooted, 'Who? Who?'"

"The doggie, Judge Owl! crowed the great big rooster. 'He has been chasing us and scaring us to death because we were little and could not help ourselves. But now we're bigger than he is, and we have brought him before you for sentence.'"

"What have you to say?" asked Judge Owl, but the doggie only trembled.

"I sentence the doggie to be chased by chickens," said the wise old owl judge, and then the chickens chased and chased that doggie, and the doggie ran this way and that, while the chickens pecked at him and the doggie howled, and then the doggie woke up."